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## Council and FOP Reach Accord On Final Collective Bargaining

by James Giese

In spite of multiple presentations, ceremonial signings, a public hearing and lengthy “administrative” reports by councilmembers, the Greenbelt City Council held a reasonably short regular meeting on April 21 of just under two hours. Besides a public hearing on the proposed city budget (see story on page 6) council approved the city’s first collective bargaining agreement with the non-command members of the police department, approved contracting for reconstruction work on Breezewood Drive and recognized volunteers who helped clean up the shores of Greenbelt lake and streams within the city. Each volunteer or group participating in the 19th Annual Potomac Watershed Clean-up on March 31 received a certificate of recognition from Neal Barnett, chair of the city’s Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, and all present posed with the council for a photo.

### Bargaining Agreement

Council unanimously adopted a resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement with Greenbelt Lodge 32 of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). At the 2005 city election voters endorsed the city undertaking collective bargaining with the police. Subsequently the city adopted a labor code and in February recognized the FOP as a bargaining unit.

According to City Manager

Michael McLaughlin the agreement will become effective July 1. It provides an average pay increase for officers over the next three years of 19 percent, with a seven percent increase provided this year at a cost of \$462,000. Other agreement terms would expand the distance away an officer’s residence might be and still be permitted to take home a police vehicle. McLaughlin estimates this cost at \$50,000. An increased buy back program for unused leave will cost the city another \$34,700. The agreement also provides for specialty pay for officers performing specialty work.

McLaughlin has proposed a three percent cost of living pay adjustment for other employees and some changes in employee classifications.

The city employed a labor attorney to assist in preparing the labor code and in conducting negotiations. According to the proposed budget submitted by McLaughlin, the cost for these services during the past two years will be \$32,500. The cost of city staff, police management and police employees in negotiating this agreement has not been furnished.

FOP President MPO John Rogers told council before its unanimous vote that the collective bargaining had been a long process but a good process. “We have no problems with the pro-

cess,” he declared.

Mayor Judith Davis declared the contract approval to be “an historic occasion.” She declared that other municipal jurisdictions were following the process closely. Councilmember Konrad Herling declared that Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, whose pictures are on the wall of the council chambers, would be proud of this action. “This brings us into the 21st Century,” he stated.

Chief James Craze also commended the efforts of the bargaining group and introduced them. For the officers, they were Rogers, Gerald Potts, Michael Lanier and Scott Kaiser. Management was represented by Assistant City Manager David Moran, Captain Thomas Kemp and the city’s labor attorney, Steve Sylvestri.

The approved agreement was then duly executed by the appropriate signatories who then shook hands with the manager and council. Then a group photograph was taken of all.

### Amicus Curiae

City Solicitor Robert Manzi informed council that he had looked into the possibility of the city filing a brief as a friend of the court (amicus curiae) in the pending suit filed by opponents to the Intercounty Connector in support of their efforts. He had determined that there was still time for the city to do so. How-

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

## Greenbelt Homes to Hold Annual Meeting, Election

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will be held on Thursday, May 17 in the Greenbelt Community Center at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting, candidates for the board of directors and audit committee will address the membership. Elections will follow the meeting and continue the next day at the GHI offices.

Six board positions will be up for election this year; it has been reported that only some incumbents are seeking reelection.

Prior to the annual meeting, GHI members will have an opportunity to hear the candidates’ ideas and qualifications and ask them questions at the Candidate Forum on Tuesday, May 8 at the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

### Agenda

Agenda items include brief statements from the candidates for board and audit committee; an update on the Greener Greenbelt Initiative; a bylaw change; election of members of the Nominations and Elections Committee; and a petition from a member.

Tables will be set up describing activities of the many GHI committees and door prizes; free native plants are anticipated.

### Running for Office

This year, elections will be held for six of the nine board of director seats. All three audit committee seats are up for election for one-year terms.

For those considering running for office, candidates have until May 11 at 5 p.m. to provide a consent form to appear on the official ballot. For more information on running for office, call committee chair Alan Turnbull at 301-982-6460 or Debbie Cooley at 301-441-9158.

### Proxy, Absentee Voting

Members who are unable to attend the annual meeting can request a proxy to vote for them on issues that arise during the meeting. Requests for proxies must be completed by May 11. Absentee ballots to vote for board of directors and audit committee

See **GHI MEETING**, page 7

### What Goes On

**Sunday, May 6**

**1 to 5 p.m.,** Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**Monday, May 7**

**7:30 p.m.,** City Council Budget Worksession re: Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House

**Tuesday, May 8**

**7:30 p.m.,** GHI Candidate Forum, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, May 9**

**7:30 p.m.,** City Council Budget Worksession with Contribution Groups, Community Center

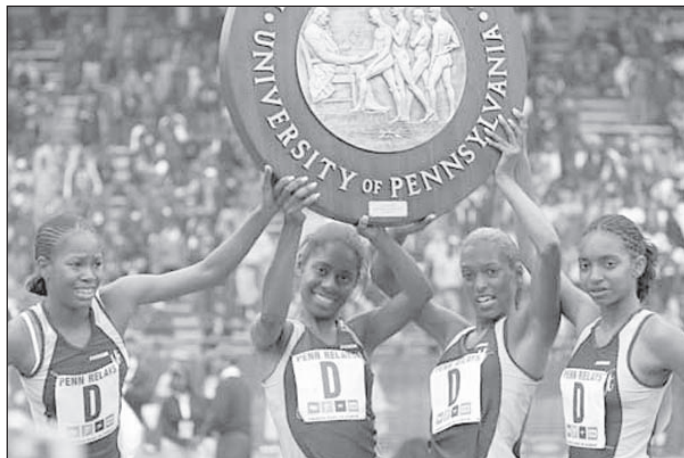
**Thursday, May 10**

**7:30 p.m.,** GDC and GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room

**Saturday, May 12**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** Pet Expo 2007, Community Center Register now for Adult Classes at Aquatic and Fitness Center. Class Dates are May 7 through June 1.

**The Green Man Festival begins Sunday, May 6. See story on page 8.**



Competing in the 4x800 event were, left to right, Tasha Stanley, Marika Walker, Tameka Jameson and Dominique Lockhart.

## ERHS Girls’ Track Team Makes Sports History

On Friday, April 27 the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls’ track team sprinted into sports history at the 113th Penn Relays in Philadelphia as it accomplished something that no other American girls’ track team has been able to do – win both the mile- and two-mile relay races in the same year. The track meet was held at the University of Pennsylvania’s Franklin Field.

The Roosevelt Raiders became the first Washington-area girls’ team to win at Penn Relays since 1986 and the first area team, boys’ or girls’, to win two titles in the same year. In addition, they are only the second American team to win the 4x800 meter since 1986, a status predominately held by Jamaican schools.

Finishing the two-mile relay in 8:51:19, the Raiders also booked the second-fastest time ever for a U.S. high school girls’ team.

Eleanor Roosevelt has one of the most dominant running programs in the area. Under the current leadership of Coach Desmond Dunham, the girls’ team continues to add to its already enormous trophy wall including 13 outdoor Maryland state team titles, 18 indoor titles and five cross-country titles. This is the team’s first Championship of America.



From left to right, Prep Legend Obea Moore joins Doris Anyanwu, Tameka Jameson, Tasha Stanley and Takecia Jameson who competed in the 4x400 event.



# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS

In spite of inadequate staffing by the Red Cross and that the time for the blood drive was reduced from the usual six hours to five hours, the blood drive on April 27 was successful, as indicated by over 60 donors who gave blood. The drive helped the Red Cross' continuing need for blood.

As usual, volunteers contributed to the success of the drive.

The next blood drive will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 26 from 2 to 8 p.m. Those not contacted for an appointment should call Janet Goldberg at 301-392-2212. Walk-ins are welcome to fill in for those who did not make their scheduled appointments.

Janet Goldberg,  
Recreation Coordinator

## Facing Challenges And Needing Help!

If you love the New Deal Café, then please take this appeal to heart. With an uncertain future, the Café urgently needs your help to survive.

For over 10 years now, the Café has been providing tasty food, live entertainment, a supportive venue for artists and musicians, fun events/festivals and a warm gathering place for those living in and around the Greenbelt community. Now this treasured neighborhood gem needs the immediate support of its community so that it can continue to exist.

The Café underwent an expansion in the fall of 2005. This expansion allowed the Café to offer more seating for diners and musical performances. However, over the past year the Café has been facing increasing financial challenges due to the rising costs of food, fuel, utilities and additional rent. Business has not increased at a rate consistent with that of the added expenses and as a result, the Café has not been able to offset the cost of operations, thus it has been losing money.

The bottom line is that the Café needs your help right now to make ends meet the next couple months, as well as in the future to facilitate the changes necessary to turn it into a successful cooperative business.

The Café board, committees, staff and volunteers have been working hard to fully evaluate and address this dire situation but it is now imperative to put

out an urgent call for assistance to the entire community of Greenbelt and all Café enthusiasts.

The Café could benefit significantly from additional daily sales of just \$225. On average, this would mean increasing business by 25 to 30 orders per day. Sustaining this type of additional business for at least one year should allow the Café to meet its current monthly financial burdens and begin to address its liabilities.

So, what can you do to help?

1. Become a member or renew your membership.
2. Patronize the Café at least two or more additional times per week.
3. Donate to the Café.
4. Spread the word – Bring family/friends/colleagues to the Café.
5. Hold your group meetings at the Café.
6. Come to the next membership meeting and bring your suggestions Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the back room of the Café. Arrive early and have dinner.
7. Volunteer your time. The Café needs your ideas, resources and help.

On a closing note, the Café would like to thank everyone for all the patronage, support, time, resources, art and passion provided to this community landmark over the years. It is our hope that the Café, its traditions and all it has to offer will continue for many years into the future.

Peter May on behalf  
of the New Deal Café Board,  
Committees, Staff and  
Concerned Members

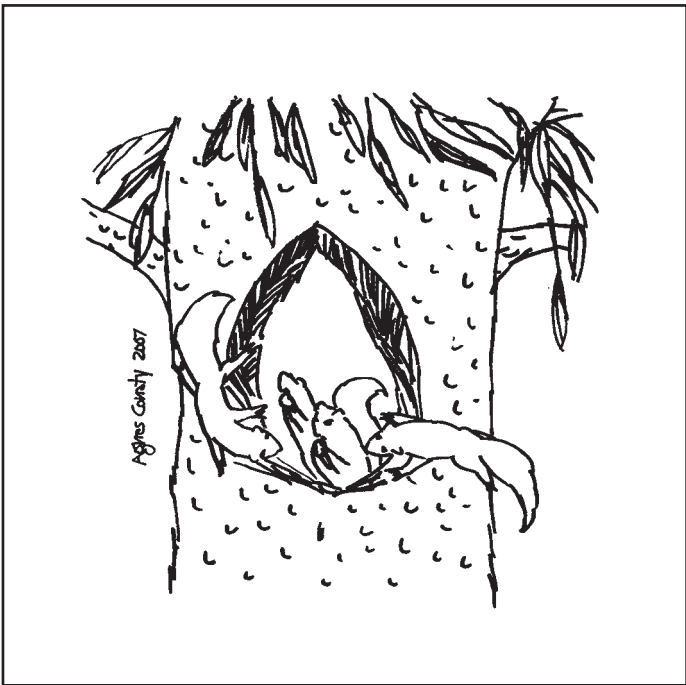
## To GSFC Employees A Request

The Queen of England is coming to Goddard Space Flight Center and we hope that you may have some personal experiences relating to that visit that you would share with our readers. Perhaps it is an account of how you met or saw her during the visit. Or perhaps it is an experience you had as a result of her coming to Goddard, even though you didn't get to see her.

If you think your experience would be of interest to Greenbelters let us know. You can tell us by email at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or call us at 301-474-4131 and either leave a message or ask us to call you.

Any photos you might have would also be most welcome. You can attach digitals or scans in TIF or JPEG format to an email or bring prints or disks to our office in the Greenbelt Community Center. Our office is the first door on the left after entering the Community Center through the entrance on the Municipal Building side. There is a drop slot in the door. There is also a drop slot for our office for after hours drop-offs in an outside door on the left side of the building. Or mail to us at Suite 100, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

## Grin Belt



"On a deep space mission to Mars, we squirrels need to think of how we could make our acorn and nut supply last on a three-year voyage."

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## On Screen

### Pan's Labyrinth

Continuing a series of excellent movies examining life in a totalitarian regime, Pan's Labyrinth opens Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Writer/director Guillermo del Toro's previous work includes Hellboy and the same artistic vision he used bringing that comic to the screen won this film Oscars for makeup and cinematography.

Ivana Baquero plays Ofelia who with her mother and stepfather moves to the Spanish countryside in the early days of Franco's rule. Ofelia retreats into fantasy to escape the sadism of her stepfather, a captain in the Spanish army. Baquero was too old to portray an 8- or 9-year-old girl, as the part was originally written, but del Toro was so impressed by her audition that he rewrote the script to fit her.

Despite the young age of the main character and fanciful story, this is not a kid's movie. Pan's Labyrinth is a moving fairytale for grownups.

The film runs 120 minutes, rated R for violence and language, in Spanish with English subtitles.

– Cathy Jones

New Deal Café  
Announces  
**A Vacancy on the Board of Directors**  
Those interested in applying should write  
a letter of intent stating their qualifications  
and reasons they wish to serve.  
Place letter in the suggestion box at the  
Café by May 11.

**Last Call for Candidates**  
for GHI members interested in  
serving on the Board of Directors or  
Audit Committee. Six Board seats  
will be filled in this month's election,  
as will be all three members of  
the Audit Committee.

Members wishing to serve should file a consent form by May 7 in order to have their biographies run in the May 10 issue of the News Review and be introduced at the Candidate Forum on May 8. (The technical deadline is 5 p.m. on May 11.)

An information packet including the necessary form is available at GHI's offices or can be downloaded from the GHI members' website at <http://ghi.coop/about.htm> – you can even arrange a cheerful personal delivery by phoning Betty Wellborn at 301-345-0415.

All members will have an opportunity to hear the candidates' ideas and qualifications, and have their questions answered at the Candidate Forum to be held Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 at the Municipal Building.

The Election will take place on May 17 after the annual meeting, and voting is continued on the following day between the hours of 7 am and 8 pm. The annual meeting will be held in the Community Center.

OLD GREENBELT  
THEATRE  
WEEK OF May 4  
**Pan's  
Labyrinth (R)**  
Friday  
\*4:50, 7:30, 9:50  
Saturday  
\*2:30, \*4:50, 7:30, 9:50  
Sunday  
\*2:30, \*4:50, 7:30  
Monday – Thursday  
\*5, 7:30  
\*These shows at \$6.00.  
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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## Arthritis Walk at ERHS On Saturday, May 5

The annual Arthritis Walk will be held on Saturday, May 5 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. This is a fun walk without times or required distances. There is still time to register families and friends.

There will be breakfast food donated by La Prima Catering, Gourmet Express Catering and New York Style Deli in College Park. Vendor tables will offer giveaways and door prizes and the Bowie Baysox mascot will be there from 9 to 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited.

## At the Library Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. Bookids Book Discussion, ages 8 to 12. A librarian will lead a discussion of Ann Blades’ “Mary of Mile 18.”

**Storytimes**

Tuesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

## Hunting Ridge Elects Board

The Hunting Ridge Condominium election was held April 25 with election of Kay Moomey, president; Mary Matovich, vice president; Arlene Preston, secretary; James Maybury, treasurer; and Meosha Hudgens, director.

Board meetings are held monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse (6914 Hanover Parkway). Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## Greenbelt Park Cleans Up on Sunday

Paint a picnic table, help with a park cleanup or help clean the Still Creek watershed as Greenbelt Park celebrates the Great American Cleanup on Sunday, May 6. Participants should RSVP at 301-344-3944 and meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area of Greenbelt Park at 1 p.m. There will be giveaways, courtesy of Sports Honda, Silver Spring. For more information call 301-344-3944 or check the park website at [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

## Free Car Show Here on Sunday

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display at Capitol Cadillac at the Annual Spring Cadillac LaSalle Show on Sunday, May 6. The show begins at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine.

Capitol Cadillac is located at 6500 Capitol Drive, off Greenbelt Road across from Greenbelt Park.

For additional information and details call Show Coordinator Henry Ruby at 301-894-8026.

## Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 10 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 202 (the theater rehearsal room) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## Explore Food Safety For Seniors May 11

On Friday, May 11 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Ali Golshiri, lead training specialist for the Prince George’s County Health Department, as he takes participants on an exploration of food safety for seniors.

Golshiri will discuss why there is a need for education among seniors to deal with the issue of food safety. There is also a need for focus on food-borne illnesses. Seniors may have weakened immune systems and therefore be more susceptible to risks. Times have changed and with that there are more risks seniors may face. His goal is to teach the importance of food safety and why people need to educate themselves.

Golshiri has been with the Health Department for 22 years. As a training specialist he teaches different subjects including food safety, lead poisoning, pool and spa operations and inspections. Since 1994 he has trained and certified nearly 4,000 people as food service managers in nonprofit organizations and published two food safety training books for certification and re-certification of food service managers operating food service facilities in nonprofit organizations in the county.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, room 114. Everyone is welcome. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

More community events can be found on page 5.

## GHI Notes

Annual meeting notices were mailed on May 1.

**Saturday, May 5,** 7 to 9 a.m., Bird walk sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

**Sunday, May 6,** 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation 12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI Open House at Roosevelt Center

**Tuesday, May 8,** 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting 7 p.m., Sustainable Design and Practices Committee meeting

**Wednesday, May 9,** 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee meeting

**Thursday, May 10,** 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

**Saturday, May 12,** 7 to 9 a.m., Bird walk sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

**Monday, May 14,** 7 p.m., GHI Charette/Baseline and Benchmark meeting

Except where otherwise noted, events take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings; members are encouraged to attend.

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, May 5 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 7:45 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

For those who have a telescope but are not sure how to use it, bring it along and society members will help aspiring sky watchers become amateur astronomers.

More information is available at the society’s website [www.greenbeltastro.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml).

## CCRIC Meeting Is on Sunday

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold its bi-monthly meeting this Sunday, May 6 at 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

The group will discuss recent events affecting the watershed in the west of Greenbelt, in Beltsville and College Park and prepare for upcoming events. Non-members are invited to join the discussion.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13 CCRIC will have an information table at the Green Man Festival in Roosevelt Center with neighboring stream protection groups for Beaverdam and Still Creeks.

Wednesday, May 16 at 7:45 p.m. there will be a bat walk at Greenbelt Lake. Participants will observe bats in flight against the evening sky and listen to their calls using an ultrasound converter. Meet on the parking lot of “Buddy” Attick Park, off Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. In case of rain, the walk will be held on Thursday, May 17.

## Boxwood Village Annual Scholarship

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. The scholarship, valued at \$500 is available to graduating high school seniors and to full time (12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Zoo Dip booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. There is a scholarship committee, composed of five Boxwood Village residents, who will review the applications and decide upon this year’s recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

## NARFE Hears Greenbelt Speaker

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Greenbelter Robert Doyle, chapter 1st vice president, will speak about “Christmas in July” – renovating and building homes for the poor. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited. Call 301-345-7437 for information.



## Baseball Signups

Players ages 13-15 call Mark at 301 793-0097

Players 16-18 call Bob at 301 345-1033

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155  
All shows starting before 6 p.m.  
Are ONLY \$5.00  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

**Week of May 4**  
**FRI. – SAT.**  
**Disturbia, PG-13**  
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**Condemned, R (!)**  
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**Spiderman 3, PG-13 (!)**  
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**Kickin’ It Old Skool, PG-13 (!)**  
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THE THIRD  
GREEN MAN  
FESTIVAL

MAY 6, 2007

Roosevelt Center  
at the New Deal Cafe  
“The Art of Healing the  
Chesapeake Bay Watershed”  
benefit fundraiser/art auction  
for CHEARS.  
Program  
5-7:00pm  
(Reserved tickets \$15, \$17  
at door)  
Artists’ Reception (free)  
7-9:00pm  
contact: [joan@chears.org](mailto:joan@chears.org) or  
301-891-1128 x 2

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Roosevelt Center  
10am-7pm  
Music for Mother Earth, art,  
handmade crafts, wands,  
Green Man masks, fairy  
gardens and more.  
Environmental Film Fest  
and breakfast for Early Birds  
8-30-12 noon and Afternoon  
Tea/Movie 3-5:00pm  
[greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org](http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org)  
Sponsored in part by  
FONDCA, Prince Georges Arts  
Council, Prince Georges County



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

SPRING GUTTER  
CLEANING 2007

Ned Stevens Gutter Service will conduct the 2007 Spring Gutter Cleaning from May 21 – June 20, 2007, weather permitting. The process will take approximately 1 month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy. The following addresses will be serviced:

73 Ridge Road, 71 Ridge Road, 69 Ridge Road, 2 Research Road, 3 Research Road, 6 Research Road, 7 Research Road, 9 Research Road, 1 E-H Laurel Hill Road, 2 A-D Laurel Hill Road, 4 E-R Laurel Hill Road, 5 Laurel Hill Road, 8 Laurel Hill Road, 9 Laurel Hill Road, 10 J-P Laurel Hill Road, 14 A-F Laurel Hill Road, 15 G-M Laurel Hill Road, 11 Hillside Road, 12 E-H Hillside Road, 13 Hillside Road, 14 W-Z3 Hillside Road, 2 Plateau Place, 5 Plateau Place, 6 N-X Plateau Place, 8 Plateau Place, 10 G-M Plateau Place, 51 Ridge Road, 53 A-F Ridge Road, 38 Ridge Road, 44 N-T Ridge Road, 49 Ridge Road, 4 E-R Gardenway, 20 Ridge Road, 12 E-M Ridge Road, 14 E-V5 Ridge Road, 16 Q-V and Z2-Z5 Ridge Road, 8 G-M Southway and 10 Southway.



# Obituaries

## Neal Haig Ewen

Neal Haig Ewen, 69, a retired public health advisor for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), died of cardiac arrest on April 22, 2007, at Prince George's Hospital in Cheverly. Neal was well read and widely traveled and enjoyed the life he had made since 2005 as a resident of Greenbelt, where he was known as an enthusiastic volunteer for the Greenbelt News Review and other local causes.

Neal was born on March 9, 1938, in Woonsocket, R.I., and was raised as a Quaker, attending Smithfield Friends Meeting in Woonsocket. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1960 and served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant from 1960 to 1962.

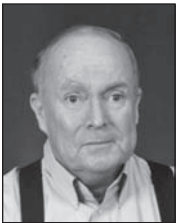
He began his 32-year career in public health at the CDC in 1963, living for six years in the Central African Republic and Upper Volta while working as an operations officer for the Smallpox Eradication Program. After returning to the United States in 1975, Neal traveled extensively, working in more than 20 developing countries before his retirement in 1995.

Neal was a talented baker, a skillful card player and a great lover of poetry. He is fondly remembered for his habit of waking his daughters to a daily recitation from Fitzgerald's translation of The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

He was married to Julia Parker Ewen, mother of his two daughters, from 1971 to 1995 and to Grace M. Burton from 1995 to 1999.

Neal is survived by his daughters, Alice Ewen Walker of Riverdale Park and Priscilla Strachan Ewen of Somerville, Mass.; his sisters, Susan Ewen Caillouet of Greensboro, N. Car., and Jean Ewen Adams of Uxbridge, Mass.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, May 12 at Smithfield Friends Meeting, 108 Smithfield Road, Woonsocket, R.I. All are welcome. Flowers or donations in Neal's memory may be sent to Smithfield Friends Meeting.



## Tom Poston

Tom Poston, 85, died on April 30, 2007, at his home in Los Angeles.

Born October 17, 1921, Mr. Poston was a member of a pioneer Greenbelt family. He was a charter member of the Young People's Association, which was organized in 1937 and was a graduate of Greenbelt High School, Class of 1939.

According to Greenbelt Pioneer Bob Sommers, the only place young people could congregate in those days was in the Center. He remembered that when they gathered there "Tom would tell a joke. He told the

best jokes," Sommers added.

He attended Bethany College in West Virginia, leaving there to serve in the Army Air Force as a pilot in World War II.

Mr. Poston made a career in television, stage and films. He began at the age of nine as an acrobat and went on to become an actor on television. He won an Emmy for best supporting actor in a comedy series on the Steve Allen show. Later he performed on Broadway and in movies.

He is survived by his wife, actress Suzanne Pleshette, a daughter and two sons.



**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Sunday 11:00 am**

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**Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**301-345-2918 301-220-3160**

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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

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**Municipal Building**



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"The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" – The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.

## Hospice Volunteer Training on May 19

Hospice of the Chesapeake will conduct community outreach volunteer training for interested individuals or associations on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. This free class will be held at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. Participants will gain knowledge and skills necessary to represent Hospice of the Chesapeake during community events. To register contact 301-499-4500 or jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

## Choral Society To Sing May 5

The Prince George's Choral Society will present their season's grand finale on Saturday, May 5 at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Greenbelt Road. The Choral Society will sing the St. Cecilia Mass by Charles Gounod. Many of the members have chosen to sing this mass as a memorial to their special loved ones.





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**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**

**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**



**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**

**7010 Glenn Dale Road**

**(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)**

**301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org**

**Sundays:**

**8:00 am**

**9:00 am**

**10:00 am**

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**Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted**

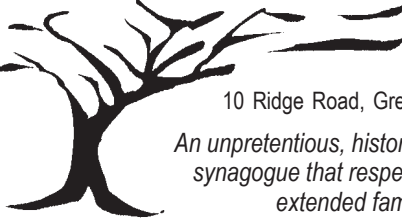
**Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)**

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**Bible Study & Worship**

**9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks**

**10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship**

**Greenbelt Youth Center**

**99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)**

**May 6 Sermon: The Precious Blood of Christ**

**Pastor Lou Redd**

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# Community Events

## Shred-it Truck Returns to Center

A Shred-it Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. The Shred-it truck will be located in the parking lot between the New Deal Café and the medical offices. The service is provided by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union for its members and the community.

Bring papers to shred in paper bags or boxes, five bags or boxes maximum. No binders and no businesses.

## Friends of Still Creek Meet

The Friends of Still Creek invites everyone to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek watershed. Learn how to help in the protection and restoration of Still Creek and the Anacostia River. Meet at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station classroom on Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. The ranger station is located near the campground about one and a half miles from the park entrance.

RSVP Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515 or email [billdsail@aol.com](mailto:billdsail@aol.com).

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The Greenbelt Park website address is [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree). The Friends of Still Creek website is [www.stillcreekwatershed.org](http://www.stillcreekwatershed.org).

## Park Removes Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. On Saturday May 5, at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area, join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

This program will be held the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch/snack.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park webpage at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

## City Notes

Public Works employees welcomed over 250 visitors to the Earth Day Open House. Trucks, natural-gas vehicles and other equipment were on display. The greenhouse was open and recycling information and plans for the new buildings were available.

A horticulture crew planted a Kwanzan cherry tree, cone flowers, liriopse, black-eyed Susans and placed sod in the new rain garden.

The parks crew began building a retaining wall at the playground near 1 Court Southway.

Facility maintenance crews completed contractual work on the men's room at Schrom Hills Park and reopened the restroom for use.

The ACE Reading Club was honored in the Washington Post as one of the programs receiving their Grants in Education funding. The grant is to be used to purchase books for students in the Greenbelt Elementary School after school book club.

## Enrollment Open For Brown Bag

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program (GAIL) will begin accepting applications on May 4 for the Senior Brown Bag program, a program partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank. This food program will offer seniors on a fixed income the ability to supplement their food budget through the distribution of nutritious non-perishable food items and toiletries.

Participants will receive one bag of supplemental food each month. Additionally, each client will receive a newsletter with information on nutrition and health. Participants can pick up their distributions on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in July 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the GAIL office located in the municipal building on the second floor.

There is a small cost to enroll in the program each year. For the fee one will receive 12 bags of groceries over the course of the year at a cost of less than a dollar per bag. Additionally, to improve the social value of the program, a table with coffee and tea will be available to participants. The maximum income for an individual is \$18,130 or \$1,511 per month and the maximum for a couple is \$24,420 per year or \$2,035 per month gross income.

The deadline for all applications and payments is Monday, May 21. To learn more call Christal Parker Batey, community resource advocate, at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

## Postal Workers Fight Hunger

The National Association of Letter Carriers conducts an annual food drive to help "stamp out hunger." The food drive is Saturday, May 12 for one day only. Customers are asked to leave non-perishable items at their mailbox for their carrier to pick up and take back to the station to be consolidated and transported to area food banks. Last year 82,000 pounds of food was collected locally; this year the goal is 100,000 pounds.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Neal Ewen, News Review staffer and participant in many other organizations.

We were sorry to hear of the death of actor, television star Tom Poston. He lived in Greenbelt as a young man in a pioneer Greenbelt family. He is remembered fondly by his former friends and associates.

Congratulations to newly promoted Greenbelt police officers David Buerger to lieutenant, John Barrett and Marie Triesky to sergeant and Mark Sagan, Marty Parker and Robert Dowling to corporal.

Go, Raiders, go! Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Raiders girls' track team, who made sports history last week by winning both the mile and the two-mile races in the 113th Penn Relays in Philadelphia, adding their first Championship of America to an already very impressive trophy collection. (More about their accomplishment is on page 1.)

Congratulations also to ERHS Seniors Leslie Primack, Hilary Finedore and Maire Patterson who won the "We the People" Award for American History and Culture sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Their documentary "Election of 1968" won the award at the Maryland State National History Day at UMBC on April 28.

Zohar Gitlis, daughter of Mark and Jessica, performed in the Earlham College spring instrumental concert April 21. Earlham is in Richmond, Ind.

Get well wishes to Mark and Sandy Markovich, 9 Court Southway. Mark is recovering from a heart attack and Sandy from surgery.

Share details about your organization's activities for the Community Events page.

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of Tuesday, May 1, 2007

| American League | W-L | National League | W-L |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Giants          | 5-0 | Indians         | 6-0 |
| Orioles         | 3-2 | Cardinals       | 3-2 |
| Athletics       | 0-3 | Yankees         | 1-3 |
| Tigers          | 0-4 | Cubs            | 0-3 |

### Major League Schedule

| Date           | Time       | Games                 |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Mon., May 7    | 6:00 p.m.  | Yankees vs. Tigers    |
| Tues., May 8   | 6:00 p.m.  | Indians vs. Giants    |
| Wed., May 9    | 6:00 p.m.  | Cubs vs. Athletics    |
| Thurs., May 10 | 6:00 p.m.  | Orioles vs. Cardinals |
| Fri., May 11   | 6:00 p.m.  | Tigers vs. Giants     |
| Fri., May 11   | 7:00 p.m.* | Cubs vs. Yankees      |
| Sat., May 12   | 10:00 a.m. | Cardinals vs. Indians |
| Sat., May 12   | 1:00 p.m.  | Orioles vs. Athletics |

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.

\* This game will be played at Braden #2.



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF GDC & GHI  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, May 10, 2007  
GHI BOARD ROOM  
7:30 PM

### GDC Meeting Agenda Item:

- Window Replacement Contract

### Key Agenda Items:

- Artifacts Committee Report
- Audit Committee Report on Delinquency Procedures
- Proposed Revisions to Investment Policies

Regular Board Meetings are Open to Members

For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



## THE NEW DEAL CAFÉ IS FACING CHALLENGES AND NEEDS YOUR HELP URGENTLY!

The Café is in a financial crisis and needs your help IMMEDIATELY to remain open the next month. See related letter in this issue for details. Please PATRONIZE the Café, become a MEMBER, DONATE, VOLUNTEER and ATTEND the next MEMBERS' MEETING on TUESDAY, MAY 15th, 7pm at the Café.

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# Citizens Call for Changes in City Budget

by James Giese

At the first public hearing, April 23, on the proposed budget for the new fiscal year, six citizens appeared to ask for increased expenses for particular services not included. Four others appeared in opposition to increasing the tax rate by two cents, as proposed.

The \$23,516,500 budget prepared by Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin is 10.5 percent greater than the adopted budget for the current year. It reflects a nine percent estimated increase in revenues, primarily due to a 10 percent average increase in property assessments on homes, rental properties and businesses.

The additional two-cent tax increase will provide the added revenues needed to balance the budget. McLaughlin has not proposed using any of the city's reserve funds, deemed necessary in case of an emergency, to balance the budget.

**Counselor**

Leonie Penney was the first of five to speak on behalf of adding another counselor to assist Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park in the many programs and services offered through that agency, including the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program for senior citizens in need of at-home services. Christal Parker-Batey, community resource advocate, supervises GAIL.

Penney said the success of the GAIL program has resulted in an expanded caseload. More people are requesting assistance, she said. In particular, the successful outreach to persons most in need and, therefore, requiring the most assistance, has increased pressure on the staff. Penney noted that the salary cost of \$50,000 for the recommended counselor would amount to only one-third of a penny on the property tax rate. Mary Linstrom rose to support Penney.

Sylvia Lewis, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), supported Penney. She told council that one-third of the GAIL caseload were GHI residents and that they tended to be the more difficult cases. Ellie Rimar, president of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, also supported providing Batey with greater assistance.

Dr. Leo Walder, a psychologist and founder of the Greenbelt CARES program, also supported a staff increase. He quoted Benjamin Franklin's famous saying that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," believing that timely counseling can prevent more serious problems down the road. "Greenbelt doesn't need unwise, penny-pinching services. I say spend the money," he said.

**Cut the Budget**

Two husband and wife teams, Charles Hagelgans and Ruth Kastner and Joan Falcao and Robert Fireovid, urged council to undertake fiscal restraint.

Hagelgans led off by expressing objection to a tax increase at this time, noting the significant increase to take place in property assessments. He favored imposing a hiring freeze with no new police cadets and no new capital projects manager. He also told council it should adopt a policy of releasing any employees funded by grants when the grant funds run out. He noted that he is such an employee and at such risk.

Hagelgans questioned why the city was pruning trees in front of his house (beside the street) and

had adopted a policy of repairing driveway aprons, which he felt were homeowner responsibilities. McLaughlin noted the area between the sidewalk and streets in single-family-home areas were within the city street right-of-way and while the city looked to homeowners to perform some maintenance in this area, it was still city property.

Ruth Kastner, who followed Walder, noted other Franklin sayings. She said it would be wise for the city to undertake "wise penny-pinching." While she is not in favor of cutting social service programs dramatically, she noted that rising taxes hit hardest the elderly and the needy.

She criticized the budget as an "over-produced" document, noting a corporate report she had received printed on newsprint.

As a member of the Forest Preserve Task Force she had received a thank-you gift from the city. "Volunteers don't need gifts," she said. She, too, opposed adding a capital projects manager.

**Proposals**

Falcao told council the city needed to address its structural financial problems by means other than raising taxes. She and her husband bought their Boxwood Village home in 2000. At that time taxes on it were \$4,200. This year they are \$5,300. She feared taxes exceeding \$10,000 a year at the rate things were going.

She said a friend of hers in GHI pays \$1,200 in taxes. When you compare the sales price values of the GHI home to her home, Falcao felt she should only be paying \$2,700 in taxes.

Falcao made many suggestions on how to trim city expenses. The city manager should consider using more volunteer labor, she said. She added: Avoid keeping a position funded after a grant originally funding the position has expired. Be more energy efficient. Make more positions part-time. Don't hire a permanent employee for a short-term need. Don't increase the size of the planning staff to bring about new development. Reduce the size of the Public Works force, which, she says, is twice the size of Laurel's for half as many miles of streets. Contract out work instead of adding employees.

In addition, Falcao recommended that staff review city services that duplicate county and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission services and utilize these services more. However, in the case of the police she supports the city maintaining its own force.

She said the city should determine if animal control is cost-effective as compared to using the county animal control services. While she supports providing transportation services to the handicapped, she questioned allowing anyone to use the Greenbelt Connection for only \$1.50.

City tax payers pay twice for recreational services, she said – to the city and the county and something should be done to correct this. The city should also get a greater percent of the police surcharge fee on new development than it has in the past. She questioned if rental properties are undertaxed.

Falcao suggested that the next city questionnaire ask citizens to identify those city services they could do without and those services they would like to see expanded.

Fireovid told council that the city needs to offer greater value for its services. Taxes are reach-

ing a point where Greenbelt is getting too expensive for people at his income level. Other places offer better value.

**New Development**

Fireovid and others raised the issue of the impact of new development on city finances. He asked if the city had a five-or-10 year financial plan. McLaughlin responded that such plans had been made in the past but that financial forecasting is now limited to undertaking projections prior to budget preparation.

This year's budget was predicated on no tax increase but did not take into consideration ongoing negotiations with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police on a labor contract. Mayor Judith Davis said the police contract necessitated increasing the budget.

McLaughlin said this year's budget was not affected by the possible creation of a tax incremental financing (TIF) district for the South Core of Greenbelt Station. When asked why not by Fireovid, McLaughlin said that council had not authorized a TIF. Fireovid said he understood it was a condition of the annexation of the South Core to the city. McLaughlin said that council must decide about creating a TIF.

Kastner expressed discomfort with McLaughlin's response. It was her understanding that funding a road through the South Core by the city was a part of the annexation agreement.

Davis said there were 65 points to the agreement and that she could not remember them all. Kastner said this was an important point in the agreement. Davis said there are steps which the developer must take before some of the matters of agreement may take place.

**Marketeer**

Martha Heil came before council to urge them to bring on someone to promote the city, a marketing specialist. She herself is a media marketeer. There is a need to have a person, she said, to show Greenbelt for what it is.

Councilmember Konrad Herling, who has also proposed the addition of such a person, asked Heil to elaborate. She said such a person would cost the city \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in salary. The person would be able to amplify the effects of any single-city program, drawing more participation and adding more revenues to the program.

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ever, the judge in this case, Alexander Williams, has a son who is associated with Manzi's law firm. If Manzi's firm filed the action, the judge would have to assign the case to another judge, which Manzi felt was not a good idea. Therefore, he told council he would discuss the cost of taking on the case with some other attorneys who specialize in this type work and report back to council. At an earlier worksession, council had asked Manzi to explore the possibility and cost of the city participating in the law suit.

**Breezewood Drive**

McLaughlin reported that the city had received mixed directions from the Prince George's County

Department of Housing and Community Development on how to spend a Community Development Block Grant of \$109,600 at one time, asking that the work be redirected to improvements on Cherrywood Lane. Now the city has been told to undertake improvements to Breezewood Drive as originally proposed and to begin work as soon as possible. The city has already contracted, based upon bids, for NZI Construction to do similar construction work elsewhere and NZI is willing to perform this work under those contract prices. McLaughlin asked for and received council approval to employ NZI for the block grant work on Breezewood Drive.



Negotiators of the police collective bargaining agreement joined the Greenbelt City Council for this photo after signing the approved agreement at the April 21 council meeting. Front row (l. to r.): Councilmember Leta Mach, MPO Scott Kaiser, Mayor Judith Davis, FOP President Michael Rogers and Assistant City Manager David Moran. Back row: Chief James Craze, Captain Thomas Kemp, MPO Mike Lanier, Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Edward Putens, Sgt. Jerry Potts, Cpl. Robert Dowling, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, City Solicitor Robert Manzi and City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

**Publlick Playhouse**

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School Bd. Presents  
End-of-Year Awards

The Prince George’s County Board of Education will host its third and final Awards Program for the 2006-2007 school year to honor students for their outstanding academic performance and talent. The board and superintendent of schools will also recognize principals, school administrators, teachers, business community leaders and others for their contributions to the school system. The event will take place on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sasscer Administration Building, Board Meeting Room, at 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. For more information call Sharon Mack at 301-952-6129.

Botanic Garden Holds  
Wetlands Lecture

On Friday, May 11 from noon to 1 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden presents a lecture by Bronwyn Mitchell, education director at Environmental Concern. Wetlands are a vital part of the natural ecosystem. In honor of National Wetlands Month, Mitchell will share what factors are threatening local wetlands. She will also discuss what activities are being done to protect and save wetlands and what individuals can do to help. This event will be in the Conservatory Classroom at 100 Maryland Avenue, S.W. in Washington, D.C. It is free but pre-registration is required. Call 202-225-1116 for more information.

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can be requested from May 14 through noon on May 16. They must be returned by 3:30 p.m. on May 16.

**From the President**

Sylvia Lewis, president of the GHI Board of Directors, recently addressed the members: “Seventy years ago creative individuals planned a community that would enable people of modest means to live in beautiful, healthy, congenial surroundings. Fifty-five years ago courageous residents took the giant step of joining together, as a cooperative, to buy the structures and common land from the Federal Government.

“Today, our cooperative is on the threshold of making other milestone decisions that will influence the future of GHI. Our partnership in the Greener Greenbelt Initiative with the American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley Chapter, will provide the signposts to point us on the way from ‘blind adaptation to creative evolution.’

“One of the not-so-secret weapons of a well-functioning cooperative is that all members have the opportunity to be part of the decision-making and operation of the organization. Members make their concerns and opinions

known at board meetings. Members participate on committees that advise the board and any member is eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting we hear from candidates for the Board and Audit Committee before casting our votes for those we trust to guide GHI for the coming year.

“GHI is democracy at the very grass roots. Just like any democracy the more people participate, the more effective it will be. Let us all take part in choosing the future of our special community.”



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**Meetings for May 7-11**

**Monday, May 7, 7:30pm, City Council Budget Work Session with Green Ridge House** at Green Ridge House.

**Wednesday, May 9, 7:30pm, City Council Budget Work Session with Contribution Groups** at Community Center.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).*

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A Review

Linda Siadys' Photography Is on Display at Patuxent

by Jeremy Mohler

Many nature enthusiasts visit the Patuxent Research Refuge on a daily basis to view wildlife in their natural habitat and experience the numerous lush exhibits presented at the visitor center. For the next month visitors will have the unique opportunity to see that same wildlife through the eyes of esteemed nature photographer Linda Siadys.

On display at the visitor center located on over 12,000 acres of federally-protected land off Powder Mill Road, the work of five-year photographer Siadys focuses on the isolation of objects in nature from the distraction of their environment to, in her words, “reveal a dynamic simplicity in form.”

“I started shooting my dog and my flowers and was curious about other types of photography,” said Siadys about her humble beginnings. She then took on a few volunteer jobs and even shot occasional photography for the Greenbelt News Review. “That was the real beginning of my career as a photographer,” she said. Her current show is featured in the Hollingsworth Gallery located just before the entrance to the main exhibits at the visitor center. Admittance into the gallery is free.

Siadys, who is a Greenbelt



Linda Siadys

resident, also frequently takes professional photos at boxing matches. The speed of the sport and the high number of attempts required to get the perfect shot made a recent transition to digital a must. “I transitioned to digital because I was shooting a lot and the cost of film was just too much,” she said.

Richard McCombs, a boxer from Washington, D.C., came across Siadys' photography online six months ago when searching for pictures of a recent match. “Her photos are clear and up close and not only that, she's a great person,” said McCombs.

Siadys' showcase will continue for the duration of the month of May. Visit her personal website ([www.lindasiadys.com](http://www.lindasiadys.com)) for additional galleries of nature and sports photography.



This barn owl is one of the many full-color photographs in Linda Siadys' collection which is on exhibit during May.

Court House Photo Show by Greenbelters

The U.S. District Court House in Greenbelt is currently decorated with photographs by local residents Judith Kornett and Linda Siadys and almost-Greenbelter Diane Tuckman. Their work includes 130 separate pieces and will continue on display through June 25. The Court House is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Green Man Art Festival Draws Local Works

by Maggie Cahalan

The Greenbelt Green Man/CHEARS Art Festival has drawn art by all ages from around the Chesapeake watershed and beyond! As part of the Third Annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival, the Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS) issued a call for entries in February for an arts fest fundraiser on the theme of the “Art of Healing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed from the Mountains to the Sea.”

Organizers reported that the response among watershed artists concerned about the environment has been more than they anticipated. Greenbelt Green Man festival co-founder and CHEARS Arts Council member, Jean Newcomb, reports, “This show is like finding buried treasure, a must-see for all who care about our beautiful watershed.”

To the right is a sampling of works donated by 23 artists and young artists who made “postcard quilts” at one of the Community Center’s Artful Afternoons. The media include acrylics, photographs, natural materials, fabrics, stained glass, collage, watercolors and more. The art will be on display at the New Deal Café through May 27. Artwork at the New Deal Café will be auctioned during the month of May as a fundraiser for CHEARS.

Silent Auction

The silent auction will begin Thursday, May 3. First-round bidding will close at the arts fest on Sunday, May 6 at 7:45 p.m. The auction will continue through May 23 for any artwork not sold at the arts fest. A Silent Auction Notebook will be located at the New Deal Café, where bidders can enter their bids.

A photo exhibit will also be held in the Greenbelt Community Center during the month of May. Photos will be sold throughout the month and contact information will be available for those interested in purchasing photos.

The arts fest fundraiser exhibit will open Sunday, May 6 at the New Deal Café from 5 to 7 p.m. with a vegetarian dinner, a music program and a silent auction of the art work. There is a fee. The opening dinner/program with Silent Art Auction will be followed by a free artists’ reception from 7 to 9 p.m. with the Silent Auction continuing until 7:45 p.m.



Above, postcard quilts will be on display through May 27 at the New Deal Café.



A Silent Auction will also be held during the Green Man Art Festival. Works have been submitted by many local artists.

The event is co-sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and was made possible in part by support from the Prince George’s Arts Council and Prince George’s County.

Come enjoy an evening of art and learn how everyone can work together to help Save the Bay and the Earth. The event is co-sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and was made possible in part by support from the Prince George’s Arts Council and Prince George’s County.

Funds raised will go to support environmental work of CHEARS,

a new 501(c)3 organization dedicated to helping create a community of people learning, expressing and researching together to find ways to help heal the watershed and themselves.

More about CHEARS work, as well as more examples of the works of art submitted, can be found on the CHEARS website at [www.chears.org](http://www.chears.org).

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Robbery**  
April 25, 3:06 p.m. 7900 block Good Luck Road, parking lot of 7-Eleven store, a woman reported that she was standing in the parking lot when a black truck pulled alongside her. The driver exited the truck, displayed two handguns, pulled a book bag from the victim's shoulders and took two bags of clothing she was carrying. The driver returned to his truck and fled the scene toward Kenilworth Avenue.

The suspect is described as a black male, 6'1" in height, 280 pounds in weight with black hair and brown eyes and wearing dark clothing.

**Concealed Weapon**  
April 25, 1:31 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a Brandywine man was arrested and charged with possessing a concealed deadly weapon, uttering a false statement, resisting arrest (four counts) and possession of marijuana and ecstasy. The man was observed by an officer pushing a minibike down the sidewalk. When the officer approached, the man attempted to flee, first pushing the bike.

A bike officer then gave chase and the man abandoned the bike and ran. He was observed taking an object from his waistband and throwing it onto the ground where it struck a patio door.

After being cornered, the man removed his shoes and assumed a "fighting stance." He resisted officer's attempts to handcuff him, kicking and flailing his arms. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and ecstasy. Located near the patio where he had thrown an object officers found a fully-loaded 22-caliber handgun. The man gave officers a false name. Once his true name was determined a computer check revealed an open arrest warrant with the Fairfax County (Va.) Police Department.

The man was taken to Prince George's Hospital for treatment

of minor injuries incurred during his arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a commissioner and for service of the Fairfax warrant.

**Vandalism**  
April 20, 8:45 p.m., 7200 block Ora Court, a resident advised that three men came to her door and asked for her son. When told that he was not home, one of the men went to a vehicle, retrieved a baseball bat and broke out the resident's living room window. All three fled in the vehicle. There is no further description of the vehicle or suspects.

**Burglary**  
April 23, 6:02 p.m., 9100 block of Edmonston Road, a burglary was reported. A sliding glass door was forced open and a laptop computer was taken.

April 23, 1:52 a.m. 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A woman told the police that her ex-boyfriend threatened her with a handgun during a verbal dispute. He then fled on foot. Investigation is continuing.

April 23, 7:27 p.m. 6500 block Springcrest Drive, a resident reported observing a man remove the resident's silver mountain bike from his garage.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
Vehicles reported stolen during the week were: a 2001 Chrysler Town and County van from the Beltway Plaza parking lot and recovered six days later in the District; a 2001 white Dodge Sport Caravan, Maryland tags M612393 from the 7700 block of Mandan Road; a tan Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags 1BDM10 from the 53 court of Ridge Road; a blue 1997 Dodge Caravan, D.C. tags CU4288, from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane and a silver 2003 Kawasaki Ninja 2x6 R motorcycle, Maryland tag 2D2049 from the 5900 block Springhill Drive.

Three other vehicles stolen in Greenbelt earlier were recovered, one in Greenbelt, without any ar-

**Police Seek Public Help Solving Crime**  
The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking information on the shooting incident reported in last week's News Review. The crime occurred around 12:30 a.m. on April 21 in the parking lot of TGIFriday's.

The victim told police that he was walking to his vehicle when another vehicle pulled beside him. A passenger exited the vehicle, fired several shots at the man, returned to the vehicle and fled the scene. The incident may be related to an earlier verbal dispute which took place inside the restaurant.

The vehicle of the assailant is described as a dark maroon older model four-door sedan; four black males were inside.

**Police Announce Six Promotions**  
The Greenbelt Police Department has announced promotions for several long-term officers. First is the promotion of 21-year veteran David Buerger to lieutenant. Rising to sergeant were Marie Triesky with 18 years and John Barrett with 15 years. Three officers were promoted to corporal: Marty Parker with 17 years, Mark Sagan with 16 years and Robert Dowling with 14 years.

rests being made.

Vandalism, attempted theft, theft, vandalism and malicious destruction to vehicles were reported in the 8200 block Canning Terrace, 6600 and 6500 blocks of Lake Park Drive, 36 Court of Crescent Road, 7800 block of Greenbrook Drive, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, 6200 and 7400 blocks of Greenbelt Road, 7500, 7800 and 7900 blocks Mandan Road, 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, Westway, 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive and 12 court Plateau Place.

**Help Children Who Need Fresh Air**  
The Fresh Air Fund's Greenbelt area volunteer leaders are seeking committee members to ensure that summer 2007 is special for New York City low-income children. Each summer, close to 5,000 children, ages six to 18, enjoy two-week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and small town communities across 13 northeastern states from Maine to Virginia and in Ontario, Canada. Local Fresh Air Fund committee members recruit and interview host families, check references and coordinate Friendly Town program activities within their communities.

Greenbelt area volunteers need help to create another fun-filled summer for the children.

The Fund has a 130-year tradition of serving children with a wide variety of special events and volunteer opportunities. For more information on how to join the local Fresh Air volunteer team, call Tony Richard at 301-883-8834 or the Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003. To learn more about the Friendly Town program, visit the Fund website at [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

**M-NCPPC Exhibits Lebanon Photos**  
"Aftermath, Lebanon 2006," a photographic documentary by Mount Rainier artist Gabriela Bulisova, will be on exhibit through June 4 at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Arts and Cultural Division, 6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 200 in Riverdale.

The collection of color photographs document Bulisova's experience in Lebanon after the 34-day war between Israel and Hezbollah. The exhibit focuses on the continuing postwar threat of cluster bombs that were dropped on Southern Lebanon. The recipient of many awards, including the Prince George's County Individual Artist Grant, Bulisova's work tells about the pain of others, humanizes the victims and rallies support for social justice.

For information call 301-454-1450, TTY 301-454-1472. This exhibit and other arts programs of the M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation are supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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A Review

Christie Whodunit Delights as Current GAC Play

by Robin Everly

Before TV shows like “Law and Order” and even “Perry Mason,” there was Agatha Christie’s classic whodunit, “Witness for the Prosecution.” First performed at the Winter Garden Theater in London on October 28, 1953, the play is filled with unexpected twists and turns that keep you guessing until the final moments. It is currently being performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) with a strong cast which ably handles accents and a dialogue-heavy script and provides edge-of-your-seat suspense to boot.

The plot concerns Leonard Vole, who is suspected of murdering Emily Jane French, a wealthy widow with whom he has recently become acquainted. He seeks the counsel of barrister Sir Wilfred Robarts, Q.C., to defend him at the Old Bailey.

Throughout Act One the circumstantial evidence mounts against him and he becomes the prime suspect. However, he insists he is innocent and has an alibi, his wife, who saw him arrive home shortly before the murder occurred.

Sir Wilfred knows he has a tough case on his hands and at trial is able to create doubt when cross-examining witnesses. That is, until Mrs. Romaine Vole appears as a witness – not in her husband’s defense but as a witness for the prosecution.

Actors playing the three pivotal roles, all veterans of previous GAC plays, give outstanding



In a dramatic courtroom scene, murder suspect Leonard Vole pleads his innocence.

dramatic performances. Melissa B. Robinson, playing Romaine Vole, manages not only to express a wide range of emotions but performs her lines with perfect accents.

Steve Feder’s performance as Leonard Vole seems second nature to him. He makes acting look easy as he expresses the variety of emotions his character goes through, as he too realizes the evidence is against him.

I enjoyed watching Denis L. Latkowski play Sir Wilfred Robarts, Q.C. He’s expressive and emotes concern, doubt and disbelief for the defendant, as one

problem after another surfaces. Other exceptional performers are Heather Martin, whose character of Greta provides a bit of comedic relief, and Shirley Weaver as Miss French’s loyal Scottish housekeeper Janet MacKenzie.

The director, Richard Atha-Nicholls, chose to do this play after reading it while on a trans-Atlantic flight and being hooked by the ending. In the playbill, under the Director’s Notes, Atha-Nicholls writes: “(Agatha) Christie, like an illusionist, performs all her mysteries in plain sight. All the clues are there, you just have to see or hear them to real-

ize the truth.”

This is definitely a play you must watch and listen to closely to understand what is happening. It is also an example of community theater at its best and a night of great entertainment.

“Witness for the Prosecution” will play on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 4 and 5, May 11 and 12 and May 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are scheduled for May 6 and 13 at 2 p.m.

Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op supermarket.

Owens Science Ctr. Planetarium Rocks

The Planetarium at the Harold B. Owens Science Center presents “Little Bit of Rock,” a program about asteroids, comets and other unusual celestial events on Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to the public; there is a fee.

Botanic Garden Gives Spring Nature Tour

The U.S. Botanic Garden offers a spring tour on Wednesday, May 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. The bulbs are waning and the trees are starting to bloom. Walk through Bartholdi Park with Virginia Harmon, U.S. Botanic Garden’s gardener, to observe nature unfold spring blooms. Find out what new plants will be on display in the park and get expert answers to gardening questions. Space is limited so register early. The tour is cancelled if it rains.

For more information call 202-225-1116 to pre-register.

Words and Dance New from Old

Post-modern dance pioneers Margaret Jenkins and David Gordon will discuss the fusion of theater and dance depicted in “Dancing Henry Five.” The free event will take place on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Kogod Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

The event is funded in part by the National Dance Project of the New England Foundation for the Arts and is part of the Shakespeare in Washington Festival.

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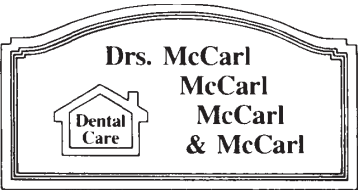
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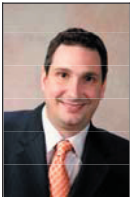
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# Herring Are Active Now in Beaver Dam Creek

by Don Comis

Herring are spawning in Beaverdam Creek on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) farm for the first time in decades, if not for the first time ever.

I know because I put them there – well, seven of them anyway. On Saturday, April 14 I was one of 15 volunteers who showed up to watch the capture of herring on the run in the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River in Riverdale, behind the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission building. We would then transfer them to Beaverdam Creek by truck and release them.

The Anacostia River area herring run began on March 24, from D.C. to at least Riverdale. They're not as dramatic as salmon swimming against the current upstream and jumping several feet up falls in the wrong direction but they are moving upstream and they do jump an inch, said Phong Trieu, an environmental planner with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) in Washington, D.C. Trieu announced that updates on the herring run can be found at the on-line yahoo group bulletin board of the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC), at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AWCAC>.

## A Shocking Sight

Trieu used a portable electro-shock rod to momentarily stun the fish while Jan Ducnuigeen, with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, netted them and John Galli, principal engineer with COG, held a bucket to put them in. We caught 30 herring, a mix of females ready to lay eggs and males always ready to fertilize eggs.

Trieu and colleagues put the herring in an aerated tank on their truck for transport to Beaverdam Creek. The volunteers drove in their vehicles to meet up with the herring at Beaverdam Creek. The DC Fish and Wildlife agency had a galvanized aerated tank, with 30 more herring caught in the Anacostia River, waiting for us at the Beaverdam site.

At the transfer site at Beaverdam Creek we were joined by George Meyers, a tractor operator leader with BARC, and Rich Takacs with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA funded the herring release and Meyers came to help with the release.

Takacs thanked the citizens and BARC for their support of the



Herring about to be released into Beaverdam Creek.  
– photo by Glenn Welch

herring release.

## Spring 2011

The herring we caught were adults. When they hatched from eggs laid in the Northeast Branch four or five years ago they imprinted to that part of the stream. Then, by fall 2002 or 2003 they swam back down the Northeast Branch to the tidal Anacostia River to the Potomac River to the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, swimming between North Carolina and Nova Scotia.

The young hatched from eggs this summer in clean quiet pools of water in Beaverdam Creek will in turn imprint on that stream and return there around spring 2011 to begin the cycle all over again.

“We have mapped out the potential spawning range of the herring in the Anacostia River system,” Trieu said, “and we want to release spawning females with their male companions everywhere in that potential range.”

It is another marker of how far we’ve come environmentally – with fish free to swim wherever they wish.

Not that it’s all clear for “our” fish. Sometime between July and September of this year the hatched herring will try to swim back to the ocean from Beaverdam Creek. Besides dodging eagles and osprey and herons and other predators, they have to swim under Kenilworth Avenue, take a left turn on Indian Creek and swim under the Beltway near Metro, under Cherrywood Lane where the real trash begins, under Greenbelt Road, later joining the polluted Northeast Branch of the Anacostia to swim around trash and through areas where it is difficult for these weak swimmers to get through.

## Freeing Fish

Even before they reach the Beltway tunnels where they may have to swim through only inches of water on a concrete bed, with

other tunnels so blocked that one has a vegetation covered hill of dirt in it, the fish have to swim around and under downed trees. I happened to see a large fish that looked like one of “my” herring on Sunday, totally trapped by the branches of a downed tree, his head stuck above water. I freed him.

Battered and bruised from rapids and rocks, if they should be unlucky enough to reach the area where we collected their parents during a heavy rainstorm, they might not make it past the rough falls created where a metal wall flood control structure creates rapids.

A notch was cut in this structure in the 1970s to ease the rapids for fish, along with giant boulders placed near the wall. But development over the next three decades has increased stormwater flow so much that heavy storms create rapids that are deadly for fish. The stream has so much force in a storm that it managed to dislodge one of the piano-sized boulders put there to quiet the waters, Trieu said. “We call this a partial blockage because it is only a blockage during high flow times. We hope to someday eliminate the blockage here entirely.”

But that costs money. A lot of money came to Anacostia waterways managers when the Woodrow Wilson bridge construction project destroyed fish habitat from deep dredging. As compensation, contractors paid for the removal of 14 fish blockages along the Anacostia River and tributaries.

The closest work to our area can be seen from a bridge over Greenbelt Road, where scattered rocks quiet the waters of Indian Creek enough, even in times of high stormwater flow, to allow our weak swimming herring to get through.

## Latest Bulletin

“The Anacostia River herring migratory fish run is well under way. The best place to observe them is the Northwest Branch at the Route 1 Bridge (near Charles L. Armentrout Drive and Route 1 intersection). They were first observed there on March 24 but the cold weather kept many of the fish in the deeper tidal Anacostia River. This last week when the weather warmed up, hundreds were observed in the Northwest Branch stream section between Route 1 and 38th Street. Fish have not been documented farther upstream thus far . . . River herring will be entering and leaving the lower portions of the Anacostia tributaries until mid-May.” (Message posted by Phong Trieu to AWCAC Yahoo group, April 23.)



Phong Trieu shocks fish as Jan Ducnuigeen waits to net them and place them in buckets held by John Galli.  
– photo by Lutz Rastaetter



## City of Greenbelt Collective Bargaining With Police Completed

by Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager

On Monday, April 23, 2007, the Greenbelt City Council adopted a resolution to ratify the recently negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 32 (FOP). Adoption brought to conclusion the City’s first collective bargaining negotiations.

This journey began almost eighteen months ago when, in an advisory referendum, Greenbelt voters supported a Charter amendment authorizing the FOP to enter into collective bargaining on employment conditions. First, a labor code was adopted to lay the groundwork on how well negotiations would be conducted. Then, over the last few months, City staff prepared for and conducted negotiations with representatives of the FOP.

The agreement is a three year contract which will provide a 19 percent pay increase over three years including cost of living adjustments. In its initial proposal, the FOP had sought a 25 percent pay increase paid out over a twelve (12) month period as well as more than 35 new or enhanced benefits. The agreement will also expand the boundaries of the City’s take home car program and provide a number of other enhancements such as specialty pay to officers with special training or responsibilities. Many elements of the agreement lock in current practices regarding pay and benefits.

The proposed pay increase will make the City’s salary for police officers more competitive with nearby jurisdictions. While Greenbelt has a better benefit package than comparable jurisdictions, it had been falling behind in salary which is vital to recruit and retain officers. The cost of implementing the agreement will require additional revenue and, as a result, the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget includes a two cent tax increase.

One element of the agreement is the expansion of the leave buyback program from 20 to 30 hours. As the City wishes to treat all employees as equitably as possible, the leave buyback expansion is proposed for all employees in the Proposed FY 2008 City budget. Also proposed in the budget is a compensation study for all City staff positions.

The collective bargaining negotiations were completed in a timely and professional manner by both sides. The City appreciates the support and interest of everyone in this groundbreaking undertaking.

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## UM Percussion Program Is Free

On Tuesday, May 8 at 8 p.m. the UM Percussion Ensemble, directed and conducted by John Tafoya, Michelle Humphreys and Lee Hinkle, will perform at the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, College Park.

## Opera Students Perform Scenes

Eugene Galvin directs staged opera scenes performed by undergraduate students of the UM Opera Workshop at a free recital at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8 in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, College Park.



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